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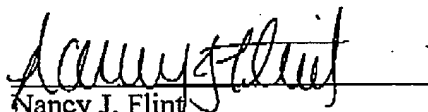
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Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on August 2, 2001. It appears that all formal requirements with regard to the application have been satisfied. Nonetheless, Applicant has not received any communication from the Patent Office in over three and one-half (3 1/2) years since the filing of the application. In September 2004, the Patent Office informed Applicant that the application was projected to be first examined between February and May, 2005. Applicant would appreciate an indication as to when he might receive the first communication on the merits of the application from the Patent Office.

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